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RESOLUTION NAMES PROSPECTIVE LEADERSHIP FOR HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

Five new councilmembers will be sworn in on January 2, 2021 to join the Honolulu City Council, which will then consist of seasoned and novice elected officials with diverse backgrounds.

Resolution 20-332, introduced by Councilmember Brandon Elefante, notes the designation of Councilmember Tommy Waters to serve as Chair and Presiding Officer of the Honolulu City Council, effective upon approval by a majority of the Councilmembers at the January 2, 2021 meeting.

Councilmember Waters represents District 4, which extends from Ala Moana to Hawai'i Kai, and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Council. He offered the following statement:

"I'm very humbled to serve should a majority of my colleagues support me. It is incumbent upon the incoming Council to take urgent action to address the needs of residents throughout the City and County of Honolulu," said Vice-Chair Waters. "From navigating the challenges we're facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing more affordable housing for residents, and revitalizing and diversifying our economy, it is clear that we all need to work together in a constructive, cohesive manner so that our communities can thrive."

Resolution 20-332 also designates Councilmember-elect Esther Kiaʻāina, representing District 3, to be the new Vice-Chair and Councilmember-elect Andria Tupola, representing District 1, to be the new Floor Leader.

"I'm excited to be part of the leadership team and look forward to working with incoming Chair Waters, my fellow councilmembers, and the new Administration on recovering from the pandemic and rebuilding our economy," said Councilmember-elect Kiaʻāina.

"Our leadership team reflects a new, fresh perspective. We are unified in our efforts to revive local businesses and help local families be able to live here for generations to come," said Councilmemberelect Tupola.

For more information about the incoming councilmembers or the Honolulu City Council, please go to the following web sites: http://www.honolulu.gov/council

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